

REPLYANT WATER

June 3, 2010

Katerina Galacatos Project Manager U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS Regulatory Division, San Francisco District 1455 Market Street, 16th Floor San Francisco, CA 94103

TRANSMITTED VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Re: Transmittal of Saltworks PJD Forms with Signatures

Dear Katerina,

Thank you for sending the Saltworks PJD forms signed on behalf of the Army Corps of Engineers. My apologies – I was sure I had signed the bound PJD supplemental package we provided you at EPA's offices back in January. I'm sorry for that oversight.

The signed originals are attached. If anything else with regard to the forms requires our attention please do not hesitate to let me know.

As to future steps, we'll be in touch shortly to coordinate a date with the Corps and any other agencies you think would be helpful/appropriate to begin coordination on issues of the Saltworks permit application including project purpose, the functions and services analysis, and other appropriate considerations.

As always, Katerina, we greatly appreciate your assistance and consideration in moving forward. Should you have any questions in the mean time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David C. Smith, Esq.

Vice President

DMB ASSOCIATES, INC.



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cc: Jason Brush, U.S. EPA Region IX

Will Travis, BCDC

Andree Breaux Greenberg, RWQCB, SF Bay Region

Barbara Ransom, Cargill, Inc.

John Bruno

Mike Josselyn, WRA

This preliminary JD finds that there "may be" waters of the United States on the subject project site, and identifies all aquatic features on the site that could be affected by the proposed activity, based on the following information:

District Office San Francisco District File/ORM# SPN - 1972 - 267 260 PJD Date: Jan 21, 2010
State CA City/County Redwood City/San Mateo County
Nearest Waterbody: South San Francisco Bay  Name/ Address of Person  Name/ DMB Redwood City Saltworks DMB Saltworks, LLC
Location: TRS, LatLong or UTM:  Saltworks Study Area A: Seaport Levee/Seaport Channel Area (lat/long 37.49, -122.21).  Saltworks Study Area A: Seaport Levee/Seaport Pressin Requesting PJD 1700 Seaport Boulevard Suite 200 Redwood City, California 94603
Identify (Estimate) Amount of Waters in the Review Area:  Non-Wetland Waters:  Stream Flow:  N/A  Name of Any Water Bodies  on the Site Identified as  Section 10 Waters:  Non-Tidal:  none
Wetlands: 1.1 acre(s) Cowardin Class:
SUPPORTING DATA: Data reviewed for preliminary JD (check all that apply - checked items should be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):
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# Appendix A - Sites

District Office	San Francisco District	File/ORM# SPN - W	947-764766	PJD Date:	Jan 21, 2010
State CA	City/County Redwood	City/San Mateo County	Person Requesting PJD	DMB Saltwor	rks, LLC

Site Number	Latitude	Longitude	Cowardin Class	Est. Amount of Aquatic Resource in Review Area	e Class of Aquatic Resource
Wet. A1	37.494520	-122.292900	Estuarine	0.9 acre	muted tidal wetland, see note 3
Wet. A2	37.496364	-122.212394	Palustrine, emergent	0.1 acre	non-tidal wetland, see note 3
Wet. A3	37.499636	-122.211330	Estuarine	<0.1 acre	muted tidal wetland, see note 3
Wet. A4	37.497751	-122.211620	Palustrine, emergent	<0.1 acre	non-tidal wetland, see note 3
Basin A1	37.497888	-122.212076	Estuarine	2.7 acres	muted tidal basin, unvegetated, see note 3
Dep A2	37.495828	-122.212561	Lacustrine	0.1 acre	non-tidal depression, unvegetated, see note 3

#### Notes:

#### **Additional Sites:**

Basin A3, 37.499571, -122.211438, Estuarine, 0.2 acre, muted tidal basin, unvegetated, see note 3

Depression A4, 37.500390, -122.211157, Lacustrine, <0.1 acre, non-tidal depression, unvegetated, see note 3

Basin A1 is a stormwater basin connected to Redwood Creek by a tidal gate, with a fringe of wetland vegetation (Wetland A1). Depression A2 is an unvegetated depression at the top of a man made levee, with a wetland fringe (Wetland A2). Basin A3 is an unvegetated basin created by overflow from the stormwater basin (Basin A1). Wetland A3 is a vegetated fringe surrounding Basin A3. Depression A4 is an equipment storage area which has formed a depression that holds water at times during the rainy season. Wetland A4 is a vegetated depression formed on a man made levee.

**Note 1.** Per the Arid West Manual (page 34), soil survey information from the USDA Soil maps "is not site specific and does not preclude the need for on-site investigation." (See also USDA soil extent mapping tool at http://www.cei/psu.edu/soiltool: "these maps are suited for general information exploration and are not intended for site-specific investigations.") Here, the USDA Soil maps do not represent actual site conditions.

**Note 2.** For National Wetland Inventory maps: Note that the National Wetlands Inventory and associated classification system is not intended to produce legal or regulatory products or be used as the basis for determining the amount or type of jurisdictional area present (http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/faqs.html#legal; Wetland Delineation Manual, Corps 1987). The National Wetland Inventory mapped boundaries and Cowardin wetland classification shown on the 1985 NWI map is not representative of actual conditions observed in the field.

**Note 3.** Form prepared for use under RGL No. 08-02 only. Applicant reserves all rights to challenge jurisdictional issues in the future.

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District Office San Francisco District File/ORM # SPN - 1977 - ZG7260 PJD Date: Jan 21, 2010					
State CA City/County Redwood City/San Mateo County  Nearest Waterbody: South San Francisco Bay  Name/ Address of DMB Redwood City Saltworks					
Location: TRS, LatLong or UTM:  Saltworks Study Area B: Regional Storm Drain Channel Area (lat/long 37.48, -122.19).  Address of Person Requesting PJD  Address of Person Requesting PJD  Redwood City, California 94603					
Identify (Estimate) Amount of Waters in the Review Area:  Non-Wetland Waters:    Name of Any Water Bodies   Tidal:   none					
Wetlands: 5.7 acre(s) Cowardin Class: Cowardin Class: Varies, see following page Field Determination: Date of Field Trip: Dec 17, 2009					
SUPPORTING DATA: Data reviewed for preliminary JD (check all that apply - checked items should be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):					
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<u> </u>	San Francisco Distr		1318-1472-		PJD Date: Jan 21, 2010
State CA (	City/County Redwo	ood City/San Mate	o Pe	erson Requesting PJ	D DMB Saltworks, LLC
Site Numbe	r Latitude	Longitude	Cowardin Class	Est. Amount of Aquatic Resource in Review Area	ce Class of Aquatic Resource
Wet. E	37.488878	-122.199638	Palustrine, emergent	3.6 acres	non-tidal wetland, see note 3
Wet. B	2 37.488899	-122.202778	Palustrine, emergent	2.1 acres	non-tidal wetland, see note 3
Drain f	37.488339	-122.196746	Lacustrine	2.8 acres	non-tidal water, unvegetated, see note 3
Drain E	37.486984	-122.179163	Lacustrine	0.2 acre	non-tidal water, unvegetated, see note 3
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#### Notes:

Drainage B1 and Drainage B2 are unvegetated portions of two managed regional storm drain ditches. Wetland B1 is a vegetated fringe of a managed regional storm drain ditch (Drainage B1). Wetland B2 is a seasonal wetland depression adjacent to the managed regional storm drain ditch.

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District Office San Francisco District File/ORM# 5やい	1947- 264260 PJD Date: Jan 21, 2010
State CA City/County Redwood City/San Mateo County	
Nearest Waterbody: South San Francisco Bay	Mame/ Address of DMB Redwood City Saltworks DMB Saltworks, LLC
Location: TRS, LatLong or UTM:  Saltworks Study Area C: Outboard of Levee Waterfront Area (lat/long 37.50, -122.19).	Person Requesting PJD  1700 Seaport Boulevard Suite 200 Redwood City, California 94603
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State CA	City	/County Redwo	ood City/San Mate	o County Pe	rson Requestinq PJI	DMB Saltwo	orks, LLC	
Site Num		Latitude	Longitude	Cowardin Class	Est. Amount of Aquatic Resourc in Review Area	e Class Aquatic R		
Wet	land	37.50	-122.19	Estuarine	41.3 acres	tidal wetland,	see note 3	,
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State CA	City/County Redwood C	City/San Mateo	Person Requesting PJD	DMB Saltwor	rks, LLC

Site Number	Latitude	Longitude	Cowardin Class	Aquatic Resource in Review Area	ce Class of Aquatic Resource
Crystal	37.499602	-122.204769	n/a	532.5 acres	non-tidal, unvegetated, see note 4
Pickle	37.493308	-122.189395	n/a	436.7 acres	non-tidal, unvegetated, see note 4
Bittern	37.500797	-122.184972	n/a	245.3 acres	non-tidal, unvegetated, see note 4
Mul-Use	37.510039	-122.197060	n/a	61.4 acres	non-tidal, unvegetated, see note 4
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#### Notes:

For Site Numbers Listed Above:

Crystal = Crystallizer Complex: 532.5 acres.

Pickle = Pickle Complex: 436.7 acres.

Bittern = Bittern Complex: 245.3 acres.

Mul-Use = Multi-Use Area Complex: 61.4 acres.

Note 1. The Salt Production Facility include cells utilized and managed as part of the industrial salt production process. Industrial solution (consisting of brines and pickles) is transferred between these salt production cells as needed to produce salt. Areas have been classified as "Lacustrine" under the Cowardin classification system on 1985 NWI maps. However, the Cowardin classification system was developed for natural systems. Therefore, the Cowardin classification used above is not applicable to observed conditions. The National Wetlands Inventory and associated classification system is not intended to produce legal or regulatory products or be used as the basis for determining the amount or type of jurisdictional area present (http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/faqs.html#legal; Wetland Delineation Manual, Corps 1987). The National Wetland Inventory mapped boundaries and Cowardin wetland classification shown on the 1985 NWI map is not representative of actual conditions observed in the field.

Note 2. Per the Arid West Manual (page 34), soil survey information from the USDA Soil maps "is not site specific and does not preclude the need for on-site investigation." (See also USDA soil extent mapping tool at http://www.cei/psu.edu/soiltool: "these maps are suited for general information exploration and are not intended for site-specific investigations.") Here, the USDA Soil maps do not represent actual site conditions.

**Note 3.** See War Department Permit (January 16, 1940); Letter from San Francisco District (June 28, 2002); Letter from EPA (July 17, 2002); Letter from Corps of Engineers Headquarters (October 2001)

Note 4. This form prepared for use under RGL No. 08-02 only. Applicant reserves all rights to challenge jurisdictional issues in the future.